

CLAIMS

Claim 1. A device for securing two sections of rope together, the device comprising:

a body defining a first set of through-openings through which one section of rope can be threaded and a second set of through-openings through which another section of rope can be threaded so that by threading the first and second sections of rope through the corresponding sets of through-openings, the one and another sections of rope are secured to one another.

Claim 2. The device as defined in Claim 1 wherein the body has two opposite side faces and the through-openings of each set open out of the opposite side faces of the body.

Claim 3. The device as defined in Claim 1 wherein the body is in the form of a plate having two opposite side faces, and the through-openings of each set extend between the opposite side faces of the body.

Claim 4. The device as defined in Claim 1 wherein each set of through-openings includes at least three through-openings.

Claim 5. The device as defined in Claim 4 wherein the through-openings in each set are positioned along a linear path.

Claim 6. The device as defined in Claim 1 wherein the through-openings of each set are positioned relatively close together so that when a corresponding section of rope is threaded through the through-openings of the set, the rope follows a relatively tortuous path.

Claim 7. The device as defined in Claim 6 wherein the through-openings of each set are spaced apart by a distance which corresponds generally to the thickness of the rope section to be threaded through the through-openings of the set.

Claim 8. The device as defined in Claim 6 wherein the through-openings of each set have diameters which are about equal to the diameter of the rope section to be threaded through the through-openings of the set.

Claim 9. A device for securing two sections of a rope together, the device comprising:

a body having two opposite side faces and defining a first set of through-openings which open out of the side faces and through which one section of rope can be threaded and a second set of through-openings which open out of the side faces and through which another section of rope can be threaded so that by threading the first and second sections of rope through the corresponding sets of through-openings, the one and another sections of rope are secured in a fixed positional relationship

with one another.

Claim 10. The device as defined in Claim 9 wherein the body has two opposite side faces and the through-openings of each set open out of the side faces of the body.

Claim 11. The device as defined in Claim 9 wherein the body is in the form of a plate having two opposite side faces, and the through-openings of each set extend between the side faces of the body.

Claim 12. The device as defined in Claim 9 wherein each set of through-openings includes at least three through-openings.

Claim 13. The device as defined in Claim 9 wherein the through-openings in each set are positioned along a linear path.

Claim 14. The device as defined in Claim 9 wherein the through-openings of each set are positioned relatively close together so that when a corresponding section of rope is threaded through the through-openings of the set, the rope follows a relatively tortuous path.

Claim 15. The device as defined in Claim 14 wherein the through-openings of each set are spaced apart by a distance which corresponds generally to the thickness of the rope section

to be threaded through the through-openings of the set.

Claim 16. The device as defined in Claim 14 wherein the through-openings in each set are about 0.5 inches apart.

Claim 17. The device as defined in Claim 13 wherein the body of the device has a thickness as measured between the two side faces which is about 0.375 inches.

Claim 18. The device as defined in Claim 9 wherein the through-openings of each set have diameters which are slightly larger than those of the rope sections to be threaded through the through-openings.

Claim 19. The device as defined in Claim 9 wherein the body of the device is in the form of a rectangular platen.